

SENATE RESOLUTION 28
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Steve Patterson and the Peabody High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Peabody High School girls' basketball program is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in the world of high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Peabody High School Lady Tide achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, establishing a record of 33-3 and winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team also secured District 16-A Championship, Region 8-A Championship, and Sub-State Championship honors; and

WHEREAS, the Peabody High School girls' basketball team includes players Brandy Sturdivant, Tanika Long, Felicia Anderson, Jessica Ford, Adrianne Taylor, Jessica Bobbit, Celeste Cox, Ebony Cook, Danielle Barnett, Jennifer Simpson, Paige Wallsmith, Chelle Yancy, and Megan Meece; Managers Selina Strothers, Brittne Bailey, John Wesley Williams, and Nora Schmitz and Statisticians Jason Carter and Mrs. Amy Sanderson, all of whom contributed significantly to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Steve Patterson has devoted a remarkable amount of time to the cultivation of the girls' basketball program at Peabody High School and laid the groundwork for this state championship by sharing with the young women on the team his substantial knowledge of basketball, his many years of coaching and athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of basketball and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at Peabody High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tide has inspired the student body and united the entire Trenton community in completing their triumphal run through the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young people not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Peabody Lady Tide for winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Girls' Basketball Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we do hereby honor and congratulate

Coach Steve Patterson and the Peabody High School Lady Tide on their formidable legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their extraordinary championship season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.